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**IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

Patent Application of : Dirk K. SPRAKEL  
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FIREFIGHTING

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Sir:

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- (1) ☒ This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. §371 of the application.
- (2) ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the small entity fee of **\$430.00** (Filing Fee) from deposit account number 16-2500 of the undersigned:
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- ☐ independent claims in excess of 3
- ☐ claims in excess of 20
- ☐ multiple dependent claims
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- (3) ☒ A copy of the international application as filed and published (in German).
- (4) ☒ A translation into English of the published international application.
- (5) ☐ A copy of the response to the International Preliminary Examination Report.
- (6) ☐ A translation into English of the amended sheet.
- (7) ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- (8) ☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (in German).
- (9) ☐ A translation into English of the amended claims.
- (10) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- (11) ☐ PTO-1449 form and listed references.
- (12) ☐ Assignment Document and Cover Sheet.
- (13) ☒ Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status.
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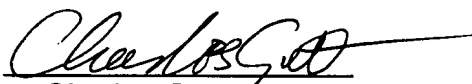
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